

Even as the fire raged and families raced out of its path, leaving their homes and belongings behind, the Siletz worked with the Red Cross to open the doors of the Chinook Winds Casino to provide shelter and safety for their displaced neighbors in need. Sadly that safety and security provided by the Siletz was short lived as the casino itself was forced to be evacuated as the fire made its way dangerously close. And with the loss of power and phones lines and people in their cars on the way to the casino while others were leaving, it was hard getting any clear information. How harrowing it must have been for all those who believed they had escaped the worst, only to be forced once more to run from the path of an oncoming inferno. But the Tribe used the casino's shuttles to bring evacuees to the Newport Red Cross site, while staff volunteered to help deliver meals to those in need.

Fortunately, the casino was not damaged, and everyone who was there made it to safety. And after the fire subsided, leaving a path of destruction in its wake, the doors of Chinook Winds and its hotel were once again opened to those in need. Families and members of the community who could not be in their homes—whether because those homes were completed gone or damage to roofs and other parts made them unlivable—were able to stay for up to 3 months at no cost to themselves until they could return to their own houses or found a new permanent living situation.

But all these months later, many Oregonians impacted by the Echo Mountain Complex Fire are still struggling to rebuild their lives. Many still don't have a place to call home. Fortunately, they once again have the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians looking out for and working with them, in partnership with FEMA, to get them back on their feet.

Since March, the Tribe has been hosting FEMA provided trailers on their lands to house Oregonians impacted by the fire until they can find permanent housing—something that could take anywhere from 18 to 24 months in this part of the State that continues to struggle with a shortage of affordable housing.

This is the first time in Oregon's history and potentially in the history of the whole country that FEMA has partnered with the leadership of a Tribe to host housing units on Tribal lands. FEMA was originally working with Lincoln County and Lincoln City to put these homes on another site, but that effort was stalled when the Agency found several problems with the site. Hearing about the problems and recognizing the urgent need to get roofs over the heads of these families, the Siletz jumped at the chance to help out.

Thanks to the partnership between the Tribe's leaders, FEMA, Lincoln City, which had to change a zoning law to help make it happen, and Siletz

Tribal Business Corporation staff, this project was developed and completed in record time—a testament not only to the real need for this help but to everyone's commitment to making it happen. And today, all 25 trailers are fully occupied, and the people living there have developed their own little community to support one another.

We all owe a debt of gratitude to the members of the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians for not only opening their doors and helping those in need in the middle of two crises—the pandemic and the Echo Mountain Complex Fire—but for continuing to step up and help their neighbors in need all these months later. It really speaks to the spirit of the Tribe and to the entire Oregon community to see that, when times get tough and people are in need of help, they can count on others to be there for them.●

TRIBUTE TO LISA'S FIFTH STREET DINER

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business and beloved staple, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner of Bowling Green, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

Located in the heart of Bowling Green, KY, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner opened its doors in 2010. After operating a successful catering business, founder and owner Lisa Parker decided to open a restaurant with her husband, Cliff Parker. Together, they created a homestyle diner with delicious food, friendly service, and a welcoming atmosphere.

Over a decade later, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner has become a local favorite. They continue welcoming customers from all over Kentucky, from local Western Kentucky University students to baseball fans traveling to cheer on the Bowling Green Hot Rods. But no matter how far customers travel, they can always depend on Lisa and her team to serve them a hot, country-style meal with a friendly smile. Their outstanding service was covered by WKY TV's SoKY Sunrise, which recognizes local small businesses using their signature hashtag, "Because Local Matters." Additionally, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner has consistently received outstanding reviews from local and industry outlets alike.

Like many small business owners, Lisa and Cliff are active in their community, supporting various charitable organizations. For several years, the Parkers have teamed up with local volunteers to provide free Thanksgiving meals to folks in need. In 2018, Lisa's Fifth Street Diner partnered with Meijer, a local grocery store, to provide 300 Thanksgiving meals to fami-

lies in need. This support is not one-way, however, with Bowling Green stepping up to support the Parkers through thick and thin. When the COVID-19 pandemic occurred, Bowling Green continued supporting Lisa's Fifth Street Diner, ordering carryout meals and ensuring this small business stayed open throughout the year. In early 2021, Lisa, a three-time cancer survivor, was diagnosed with ovarian cancer. The community rallied around her, raising funds and organizing a benefit to support her during this time.

Despite the challenges, Lisa has continued to be an uplifting example. In April 2021, Lisa was honored as a Hughes & Coleman Hometown Hero by local news station WBKO. In addition to her community leadership, this award recognized Lisa's hard work, compassion, and commitment to her staff and customers.

Lisa's Fifth Street Diner is a remarkable example of the critical role small businesses play in every aspect of building community. Small businesses like Lisa's Fifth Street Diner form the heart of towns across Kentucky, regularly stepping up to support their communities. Congratulations to Lisa, Cliff, and the entire team at Lisa's Fifth Street Diner. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.●

RECOGNIZING UNCLE LEE'S

● Mr. PAUL. Mr. President, as ranking member of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I will recognize an outstanding Kentucky small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Uncle Lee's of Greenville, KY, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1975, founder Lee Fauntleroy established Uncle Lee's gun shop. The store provided a wide range of supplies for sportsmen and hunters in Greenville and the Muhlenberg County area. Uncle Lee's grew from 32,000 square feet, expanding twice over the next few decades. By 2015, this small business had 76,000 square feet of retail space and featured the largest gun inventory available in the State of Kentucky. After 40 years of owning and operating his small business, Lee was ready to retire and spend more time with his family. In 2015, he sold Uncle Lee's to Lexington-based entrepreneurs Rex McClanahan and Joe Murphy.

Today, Uncle Lee's continues to supply generations of Kentucky hunters and sportsmen, drawing customers from all over the United States and abroad. Together, Rex and Joe have applied their years of experience running and managing several businesses to continue growing Uncle Lee's. Notably, Uncle Lee's features an indoor archery range and is the largest retail store in Greenville. Uncle Lee's is an active member of the Greater Muhlenberg

Chamber of Commerce, advocating for small businesses throughout Greenville. They are also involved with local advocacy and development organizations, including the Muhlenberg County Tourism Commission.

Under Rex and Joe, Uncle Lee's has continued its proud tradition of supporting Second Amendment rights. Through classes and workshops, Uncle Lee's supports responsible firearms training for gun enthusiasts of all ages. They regularly host competitions and events, building a sense of community among sportsmen and hunters from all walks of life. Additionally, Uncle Lee's supports wildlife conservation, encouraging hunters and sportsmen to learn about and preserve Kentucky's ecosystems through wildlife education programs, outdoor skills workshops, and keeping their community informed about Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife initiatives.

Uncle Lee's is a remarkable example of the critical role small businesses play in building a community and preserving local ecosystems. Small businesses like Uncle Lee's form the backbone of local economies across Kentucky and regularly step up to support their communities for generations. Congratulations to the entire team at Uncle Lee's. I wish them the best of luck and look forward to watching their continued growth and success in Kentucky.

TRIBUTE TO NELL "MICKEY" STEVENSON BRIGHT

• Mr. ROMNEY. Mr. President, I am honored to recognize the incredible life and achievements of veteran Nell "Mickey" Stevenson Bright, a pioneer of aviation during the Second World War and a proud Utahn. Nell earned her silver wings from the Army Air Corp as one of a highly select group of women serving in the WASP program, or Women Airforce Service Pilots. These brave women flew over 60 million miles in support of the war effort and were finally awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009 in recognition of their valor.

As a young woman, Nell looked to the sky and saw an opportunity to chart her own course. After learning to fly at age 19, Nell undertook an ambitious new challenge—applying her aviation abilities to serve in the military. While the war raged around the world, Nell applied and was accepted to train with the Army Air Corps in Sweetwater, TX. Accustomed to the intense heat, wind, and dust as a daughter of Canyon, TX, Nell proved her talents in conditions that would trouble any uninitiated pilot. Crosswind landings were second nature to the young pilot-in-training, and she quickly earned her silver wings. She was one of 1,074 women to achieve this prestigious distinction from over 25,000 applicants.

WASPs flew every airplane the Army had in order to execute a variety of wartime support operations. Nell flew

the B-25 twin-engine bomber, P-47 pursuit planes, and multiple Navy bombers. WASPs transported planes and cargo from manufacturers to bases, towed targets for live anti-aircraft gun practice, and simulated strafing missions. With friendly anti-aircraft guns firing live rounds at the women in the sky, even their training exercises were extraordinarily dangerous. Thirty-eight WASPs lost their lives over the course of their service. Their sacrifice to our country will never be forgotten.

Successfully navigating military aircraft through the skies of war is a challenge for the most decorated pilots, but the WASPs faced adversity on the ground, too. Unfortunately, discrimination was present on base. As women, the WASPs were told not to eat in the officer's mess hall, instructions they promptly ignored. The Tuskegee Airmen, the first Black pilots in the service, also faced similar barriers on base. The WASPs spoke up in their defense, and the commanding officer assented. When the 20 airmen were required to sit segregated, the WASPs refused to accept the injustice and joined them.

WASPs would continue their fight for recognition after the war, contesting their civil service classification despite holding military officer status. In 1977, the WASPs received veteran status, which granted them their well-earned and hard-fought benefits.

Nell is a pioneer of military aviation, and her legacy will continue to inspire the next generation of public servants, particularly young women. By virtue of her bravery and valor, she helped break gender barriers in the military and contributed to the ever-growing diversity in our ranks today. After her service, Nell established a successful career as a stockbroker in Arizona and continued to challenge traditional gender norms.

Today, Nell calls our great State of Utah home. In 2014, she received the Minute Man Award from the Utah National Guard and Honorary Colonels Corps for her service to her country and community. She also earned the 2014 Leadership and Excellence Award from Brigham Young University, ROTC.

Nell Stevenson Bright celebrates her 100th birthday on June 20. Our State and our country owe her a debt of gratitude for her courage, valor, and groundbreaking public service. Thank you, Nell.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. PETERS, from the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 272. A bill to amend the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006, to require the budget justifications and appropriation requests of agencies be made publicly available (Rept. No. 117-23).

By Mr. MENENDEZ, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 229. A resolution recognizing the devastating attack on a girls' school in Kabul, Afghanistan, on May 8, 2021, and expressing solidarity with the Afghan people.

By Mrs. MURRAY, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 1658. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to expand access to breastfeeding accommodations in the workplace, and for other purposes.

By Mr. CARPER, from the Committee on Environment and Public Works, without amendment:

S. 1931. An original bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to authorize funds for Federal-aid highways and highway safety construction programs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEE

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Mr. MANCHIN for the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

*Shannon Aneal Estenoz, of Florida, to be Assistant Secretary for Fish and Wildlife.

*Tanya Marie Trujillo, of New Mexico, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. YOUNG (for himself and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 1869. A bill to direct the Secretary of Commerce to establish a working group to recommend to Congress a definition of blockchain technology, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. BENNET):

S. 1870. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for penalty-free withdrawals from retirement accounts for certain emergency expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.